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SUBJECT : REGIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICES ATTACHE

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1. AS WE UNDERSTAND ROLE TO BE PERFORMED IN BAHRAIN BY REGIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICES ATTACHE (AS BRIEFLY SET FORTH IN STATE 216636), IT WOULD SEEM CLEAR THAT HE WILL BE ACTING FUNCTIONALLY AS THE EQUIVALENT TO A CHIEF OF A SUBSTANTIVE SECTION OF THE EMBASSY, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE AMBASSADOR. AS IN THE CASE OF THE DIRECTORS OF USIA AND PEACE CORPS IN BAHRAIN, EACH OF WHOM CARRIES DIPLOMATIC TITLES, AND FUNCTION AS MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE PROPOSED RTSA'S WORK IN BAHRAIN WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY FACILITATED BY THE DIPLOMATIC STATUS AFFORDED BY THE TITLE "ATTACHE". BEING OFFICIALLY SEEN AS A LEGITIMATE PART OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BAHRAIN WILL GIVE THE ATTACHE EASIER ACCESS TO DECISION-MAKERS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN. AS THE AID PROGRAM WILL ADD AN IMPORTANT DIMENSION TO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GOB, IT IS ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE LOCALLY-BASED ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROGRAM BE AFFORDED OFFICIAL RECOGNITION. THIS IS TRUE EVEN THOUGH HE IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO OTHER STATES IN THE REGION. OUR PAO IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO ANOTHER STATE, WHILE RESIDENT IN BAHRAIN.

2. THERE ARE SOME PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION AS WELL. HOLDING A DIPLOMATIC TITLE IN BAHRAIN AFFORDS ONE ACCESS TO CERTAIN PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES THE ABSENCE OF WHICH WOULD COMPLICATE LIFE. THESE WOULD INCLUDE CUSTOMS, DUTIES, ETC.

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